

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2003

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on June 23, 2003 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

In absence of a quorum, President Jernigan called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

President Jernigan
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Rodriguez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan reported the following:

- At the request of Supervisor Burke, she met on June 17 with Ellen Eidem, Acting Director of the Office of Women's Health, to discuss the possibility of a 2004 Women's Health Summit. President Jernigan informed the Commission that due to a lack of available resources to organize a health summit, the CW and the OWH will work together to outreach in the communities of the five supervisorial districts to ascertain the health care needs and concerns of women. President Jernigan will propose this idea to Supervisor Burke in a letter to be sent this week. Pending Supervisor Burke's response to this idea, the CW will work with the OWH to plan the first community meeting in the 2nd District to be held in February or March of 2004.
- She informed the Commission of the letter she wrote to U.S. District Court Judge Florence Marie Cooper in commendation of her issuance of a restraining order to keep open Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center.
- She informed the Commission that she will attend a brunch with the first lady of Pakistan, Mrs. Begum Sehba Musharraf, at the Jonathan Club in Malibu on June 28.
- She informed the Commission of the Rededication and Renaming of the Cancer Detection Center at 1230 Third Street Los Angeles.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

At tomorrow's Board meeting, Supervisor Antonovich will recommend the Board to approve a \$2.5 million increase to be given to the Sheriff's Department for Fiscal Year 2002-03 to address the DNA backlog. He will also request the Sheriff to identify and

reserve \$1.6 million dollars from the Narcotics Forfeiture Fund in Fiscal Year 2003-04 and Fiscal Year 2004-05 to address the DNA backlog, and to reassess the costs of fully staffing the DNA section of the new crime lab based on placing DNA analysts on different shifts.

Karin Davalos, forthcoming First District appointee to the Commission for Women, introduced herself to the Commission and sat in for the rest of the meeting.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO RATIFY PURCHASE OF TWO DOMAIN NAMES, LACCW.INFO AND LACCW.COM, FOR THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN WEBSITE

In the absence of a quorum, and to address the timeliness of this matter, President Jernigan will purchase the two domain names, laccw.info and laccw.com, for the Commission for Women website at a cost not to exceed \$100 to be paid through the President's fund. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund at a later date.

APPROVE TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (ACCW)

In the absence of a quorum, and to address the deadline to renew membership to the Association of California Commissions for Women, President Jernigan will pay for the renewal of membership to the ACCW at a cost not to exceed \$50 to be paid through the President's fund. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund at a later date.

APPROVE TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO THE TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (NACW)

In the absence of a quorum, and to address the deadline to renew membership to the National Association of Commissions for Women, President Jernigan will pay for the renewal of membership to the NACW at a cost not to exceed \$50 to be paid through the President's fund. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund at a later date.

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5K Run/Walk Subcommittee

Commissioner Duba reported 5K Run/Walk Subcommittee meeting is today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary reported that the Health Committee will meet on July 14, 2003 at 9 a.m. in Room 830. President Jernigan asked Commissioner Creary to coordinate with Ellen Eidem of the Office of Women's Health to schedule an initiation of the community meetings mentioned in her President's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Lesser attend Town Hall Los Angeles featuring guest speaker National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice on Thursday, June 12, 2003.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the ACCW Quarterly Meeting at the Marin Civic Center on May 16, 2003. The ACCW's message to the Commissions for Women was that in order to be truly effective, they must become a county department.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Lila Morgan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Cheryl Diaz, Executive Office
Maria Rosales, Executive Office
Nina Montgomery, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

GUESTS

Karin Davalos, Chicana Action Service Center